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KC MAN INDICTED FOR IDENTITY THEFT, COMPUTER FRAUD, AND CREDIT CARD FRAUD

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury for identity theft, computer fraud and credit card fraud.

Michael Dennis Kinnard, 35, of Kansas City, was charged in a seven-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Kinnard**, without authority, used a Social Security number belonging to another person between Jan. 28, 2003, and Sept. 23, 2003, with the intent to commit the unlawful activity of computer fraud as alleged in Count Two.

Counts Two, Three and Four of the federal indictment allege that **Kinnard** accessed a Household Credit Card Services computer on Jan. 28, 2003; a Chase Bankcard Services on Jan. 31, 2003; and a Retailers National Bank computer on Jan. 31, 2003. These are all protected computers, Graves explained, meaning they are used by financial institutions in interstate commerce and protected under federal law from unauthorized access. **Kinnard** allegedly accessed the computers in an attempt to further an intended fraud and to obtain credit cards.

Counts Five, Six and Seven of the federal indictment allege that **Kinnard**, on three separate occasions from Feb. 4 to April 16, 2003, used those fraudulently obtained credit cards to conduct financial transactions to receive things of an aggregate value equal to or exceeding \$1,000.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney John E. Cowles. It was investigated by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and the U.S. Secret Service Financial Crimes Task Force.

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